

## Amendments to the Claims

1-18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) A corner protector having opposite ~~frame-embracing~~ front and rear faces configured so as to embrace between them, in use, a corner edge region comprising the opposed front and rear external surfaces of a picture frame, at least one of said opposite ~~frame-embracing~~ faces being triangular in plan view and resilient and bowed towards the other face so, in use, the corner region of the picture frame must force its way into position between said opposite faces of the protector and thereafter be frictionally gripped between them until the protector is subsequently released by pulling it off against the frictional resistance.

20. (currently amended) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein ~~one~~ at least one of the ~~frame-gripping opposite front and rear surfaces~~ faces of the protector is at least partially transparent.

21. (currently amended) A corner protector ~~according to claim 20~~ used in combination with a card or paper sleeve [;] for carrying at least one of identifying and advertising material, the corner protector having opposite frame-embracing faces, at least one of said opposite frame-embracing faces being resilient and bowed towards the other face so, in use, the corner region of a picture frame must force its way into position between said opposite faces of the protector and thereafter be frictionally gripped between them until the protector is subsequently released by pulling it off against the frictional resistance, wherein at least one of the opposite frame-embracing faces of the protector is at least partially transparent, and wherein the card or paper sleeve is configured to fit on at least one of said faces and fitting, in use, inside the protector so that the transparent portion of the protector enables one of the identifying and advertising message on a display face of the sleeve to be viewed, whereby at least one of the identifying and advertising material can be provided on the display face and viewed through the transparent portion.

22. (currently amended) A corner protector in accordance with claim 19, wherein ~~one~~ at least one of said ~~frame-gripping opposite surfaces~~ front and rear faces of the protector is selected to be one of the group comprising: ribbed, dimpled, inherently corrugated and just roughened, whereby its frictional grip in use is enhanced.

23. (currently amended) A corner protector ~~according to claim 22 combined in combination~~ with a frame, the corner protector having opposite frame-embracing faces, at least one of said opposite frame-embracing faces being resilient and bowed towards the other face so, in use, the corner region of a picture frame must force its way into position between said opposite faces of the protector and thereafter be frictionally gripped between them until the protector is subsequently released by pulling it off against the frictional resistance, wherein at least one of the opposite frame-embracing faces of the protector has one or more protrusions and/or recesses, whereby its frictional grip in use is enhanced, and wherein a surface of the frame whose own surface, at a corner region is selected to be one of the group comprising: grooved, indented and otherwise has one or more protrusions and/or recesses so treated that, as the protector is pushed onto the frame corner region in use, the ~~ribs, dimples and the like~~ one or more protrusions and/or recesses of the protector surface will ~~one of~~ slide and snap into the ~~grooves, indentations etc~~ one or more protrusions or recesses of the frame surface.

24. (currently amended) A corner protector according to claim 23, wherein the ~~grooves, dimples etc~~ the one or more protrusions and/or recesses are formed in the an edge surface of the frame.

25. (currently amended) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the ~~opposite~~ front and rear faces is concavely bowed.

26. (previously presented) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein the corner protector further includes at least one outward projecting portion which may be used by an operator in removing or placing the corner protector on a frame's corner.

27. (new) A corner protector according to claim 20 used in combination with a card or paper sleeve, for carrying one of identifying and advertising material on at least one of said faces and fitting, in use, inside the protector so that the transparent portion of the protector enables one of the identifying and advertising message on the sleeve to be viewed.